

# 2008-2009 Wildlife Management Area Hunting Schedule and Information





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# Alabama Wildlife Management Areas

Alabama's Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are great places to enjoy wildlife from the mountain forests in north Alabama to the Mobile Delta in the south. There are 36 WMAs across the state containing over 760,924 acres. WMAs are operated by the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and provide valuable public access for hunting and a multitude of other recreational activities. Hunting, fishing, camping and other permitted uses vary from area to area. Be sure to check regulations before planning your Alabama WMA outing.

This publication provides current season information and helps answer some of the more frequently asked questions regarding hunting on WMAs. Many hunters find the deer and turkey harvest information (included in this guide) helpful when deciding where to hunt. Additional information provides details on license requirements, WMA size and location, other rules and regulations, new publications by the Wildlife Section, and other topics that may be of interest to many hunters. We hope you find this WMA Schedule and Information helpful and useful.

# Licenses, Permits and/or Stamps Required to Hunt on a Wildlife Management Area or to Use the Shooting Ranges

To hunt on an Alabama Wildlife Management Area (WMA), a hunter is required to be properly licensed and permitted. Hunters must possess a:

- valid Alabama hunting license (unless under the age of 16 years old and accompanied by an adult or are Alabama residents over the age of 64 years old) (a Wildlife Heritage license is valid in lieu of a resident State Hunting license and a WMA license for small game hunting, except waterfowl);
- 2) WMA license (unless under the age of 16 years old and accompanied by an adult or are Alabama residents over the age of 64 years old) for hunting deer, turkey, and waterfowl; and
- 3) Management Area Permit. A valid Management Area Permit (free permit) must be in possession prior to possessing a firearm or bow on any WMA.

Waterfowl hunters must have in possession a valid State (age 16 to 64) and Federal (age 16 and over) Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the above mentioned licenses and permit to hunt on a WMA.

All migratory bird hunters must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit (a free permit). Federal law requires license buyers who hunt any migratory species (such as mourning doves, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots, ducks, or geese) in any state to obtain a Harvest Information Program permit.

Licenses are valid from September 1 through August 31 each year. Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977 (see page 3, Changes in Hunter Education, for exceptions). For license costs, refer to the table on page 16.

Shooting range users, ages 16-64 for residents and 16 or older for non-residents, are required to have a valid Alabama hunting license (residents only), a Wildlife Heritage license, or a WMA license.

# Locations for Obtaining Licenses, Permits, and Stamps

Alabama hunting licenses and Wildlife Management Area licenses are available throughout the state from approximately 500 special license agents in many sporting goods stores, marinas, and at all county courthouses or by calling the toll free number (1-888-848-6887) and purchasing your hunting license with a credit card. Licenses may also be purchased with a credit card via the internet at www. outdooralabama.com.

The WMA permits are available free of charge from Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries District Offices, WMA Headquarters, or other locations listed in the Permit Information section (pages 10-12).

There are several ways to obtain a State Waterfowl Stamp or privilege to hunt. One or the other may be obtained at county courthouses, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Headquarters, all Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries District offices (see page 16 for location information), by calling the toll free number (1-888-848-6887) or via the internet at www.outdooralabama. com. In most instances, you are purchasing the privilege; you will not receive an actual stamp at the time of purchase.

Federal Waterfowl Stamps are available at U.S. Post Offices, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Headquarters, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries District I and II offices.

Harvest Information Program (HIP) permits are free and are available at license vendors, by calling the toll free number (1-888-848-6887), or by visiting the internet at www.outdooralabama.com. A resident without an Alabama driver's

license must present proof of residency to a probate judge or license commissioner to purchase a license.

# Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) WMA Partners

A significant portion of the lands in the WMA program are made available through the generosity and cooperation of private and corporate landowners. These entities have partnered with WFF to provide you, the licensed hunter, access to hundreds of thousands of acres. The WMA system probably would not exist without their support. Use of these properties is a privilege and should be treated as such.

Other government agencies also provide a significant portion of the lands in the WMAs. Those include the U.S. Forest Service, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alabama Forestry Commission, and the Forever Wild Land Trust. Be sure to let all the partners know how much you appreciate their participation in the WMA program.

The Alabama Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, and other non-profit conservation organizations have partnered with the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries to help fund habitat enhancement projects on public lands, assist with land purchases, purchase and donate land, provide seed for wildlife openings, and assist with projects on WMAs. Such conservation oriented activities have been very beneficial for wildlife and for users of the WMAs.

# **WMA Gains and Losses**

During the past year, several small additions to the system occurred, including properties to the James D. Martin-Skyline WMA (Jackson County) and Lauderdale WMA (Lauderdale County), results of purchases by WFF as well as partnerships with the Forever Wild Land acquisition fund. Additionally, two Youth gun deer hunts are scheduled for the Fred T. Stimpson Community Hunting Area (Clarke County). Elsewhere, a lease agreement was not renewed and resulted in a significant loss in the Covington (now Geneva State Forest) WMA, about 15,250 acres were removed and leased to private individuals. We greatly appreciate the working relationship we have had with those landowners in the past and that we continue to have with them on other tracts of land we still have in the system. We will continue our efforts to develop additional leases.

# **Shooting Ranges**

Shooting ranges are available for the public to safely discharge firearms on Barbour, Black Warrior, Cahaba River, Choccolocco, Coosa, Freedom Hills, Sam R. Murphy, Oakmulgee, Swan Creek, James D. Martin-Skyline, and Upper Delta Wildlife Management Areas. Etowah Public Shooting Range near Gadsden and the Marengo Public Shooting Range near Linden are also open for public use. All ranges are noted on the state map (page 6). Most ranges offer 25 to 100 yard shooting opportunities. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries does not provide targets; wire is available for hanging targets. Shooters are responsible for supplying and removing paper targets and their trash.

The ranges are open to recreational shooters, competitive shooters, hunters and other shooting enthusiasts (shooters, ages 16-64 for residents and 16 or older for non-residents, must possess an Alabama hunting license, a Wildlife Heritage license (residents only), or a WMA license). Shooters must follow all firearm safety and handling rules and posted range rules while using public ranges. For further information, call the Hunter Education Office at 334-242-3620.

# The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries is Funded by Hunters and Anglers

The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries is funded by hunting and fishing license revenue and Federal Aid in Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Act monies. Wildlife conservation is funded by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, popularly know as the Pittman-Robertson (P-R) Act. This Act was approved by Congress on September 2, 1937.

The P-R Act provides funding for the restoration, rehabilitation and improvement of wildlife habitat, management, research and the distribution of information produced by the projects. The Act was amended October 23, 1970, to include funding for hunter education training programs and the development, operation and maintenance of public shooting ranges.

Funds are derived from an 11 percent Federal excise tax on sporting arms, ammunition and archery equipment, and a 10 percent tax on handguns. These funds are collected from the manufacturers by the Department of the Treasury and apportioned each year to the States and Territorial areas by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The number of hunting licenses sold helps determine the amount of money states can receive. State wildlife agencies are the only entities eligible to receive grant funds. Funds for hunter education and shooting ranges are derived from one-half of the tax on handguns and archery equipment.

# **Hunter Education**

A change enacted in 2007 provides for a mentor status for hunter education that allows a person who has not passed a hunter education course to purchase a license and hunt under normal voice control, not to exceed 30 feet, of a properly licensed hunter 21 years of age or older. Under no circumstances shall the supervising person be the holder of a supervision required license. Showing a hunter education card will serve as proof of certification for non-supervising status.

The Alabama Legislature amended the hunting and fishing license requirements for active military personnel beginning on August 1, 2004.

Beginning on that date, U.S. military personnel stationed in Alabama on active duty are deemed residents for the purpose of purchasing a hunting license, freshwater fishing license, or saltwater fishing license.

Changes to the hunter education requirement also went into effect on August 1, 2004. Previously, all persons born after August 1, 1977, were required to obtain hunter education certification before they were eligible to purchase a hunting license. The new law exempts the following from that requirement: active duty U.S. military personnel, Alabama residents who are active members of the National Guard, and Alabama certified law enforcement personnel who are employed by a law enforcement agency in Alabama. Proof of this status must be shown to be exempt from the hunter education requirement.

In addition, residents of Alabama who are on leave from active military duty may hunt or fish without purchasing a state license; however, a WMA license is required to hunt on a WMA. For example, an Alabama resident who is a member of the Armed Forces and stationed in another state returns to Alabama for leave. That individual does not have to purchase a state license to hunt or fish while on leave in Alabama (must have copy with them).

More information about hunting and fishing regulations in Alabama can be found on the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' web site, www.outdooralabama.com.

# ANTLERED BUCK AND TURKEY HARVEST RECORD

A mandatory hunter harvest record is in effect this season. It is illegal for a hunter to field dress or move an antlered buck or turkey before dating a hunter harvest record (see example). This record will be provided on annual licenses. For license exempt or lifetime license hunters, a sample form is provided.

ALL ANTLERED BUCKS HARVESTED ON WMAS MUST BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE ANNUAL STATEWIDE 3 BUCK LIMIT

Name	Record before field dressing
License No. (if applicable)	or moving harvested animal –
Antlered Buck Harv	est Record
One of the three must have 4 pts, 1	" or longer on one side
Antlered Buck//_	(date of harvest)
Antlered Buck//_	(date of harvest)
Antlered Buck  /	
Turkey Harvest	Record
(Date of harvest) (Date of harvest) (Date of harvest)	/ / / / / / / (Date of harvest) (Date of harvest)

Wildlife conservation in Alabama is funded by hunters and anglers and uses none of the State of Alabama's General Fund monies.

Purchasing a hunting license, whether you hunt or not, supports wildlife conservation in Alabama.

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE WILDLIFE SECTION:

Biology and Management of White-tailed Deer in Alabama By: Chris Cook and Bill Gray, Wildlife Biologists

Ecology and Management of the Bobwhite Quail in Alabama By: Stan Stewart, Wildlife Biologist

Effective Food Plots for White-tailed Deer in Alabama

By: Chris Cook and Bill Gray, Wildlife Biologists

These FREE publications are available via the internet at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/game/

#### 2008-2009 Schedule of Wildlife Management Area Turkey & Small Game Seasons Note: See page 5 for license and permit requirements No small game hunting is permitted on days of gun, youth, and primitive weapons deer hunts, except on Mobile-Tensaw Delta and W.L. Holland WMA's and the Daub's Swamp, Spidle Lake, and Dead Lake units at Demopolis WMA. Turkey: Daylight until 1:00 PN RACCOON & OPPOSSUM **WILDLIFE** WOODCOCK **RAPPING** SPECIAL TEAL SEASON EARLY CANADA GOOSE SEASON SQUIRRE March 28 MANAGEMENT 3 RABBIT March, DOVE REGUI Note 4 QUAIL Note N **AREAS** State Season Wed & Sat PM Autauga No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 De 18-Ja 31 De 18-Ja 31 State Season Ma 16-Ap 30 Se 1-Fe 28 Se 1-Fe 28 State Season Ja 15-Fe 20 Barbou Oc 1-Fe 28† DO: XW Wed Sat & Sun PM No 15-Fe28 Ap 1-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 N.Se 1-30: N.Fe 1-28 De 18-Ja 31 No 15-Ja 31 Black Warrior - Zone A (Note 7) Se 1-30-Fe 1-28 Black Warrior - Zone B (Note 7) Ap 1-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 No 15-Fe28 N. Se 1-30: N.Fe 1-28 De 18-Ja 31 No 15-Ja 31 Se 1-30-Fe 1-28 1st Segment Sat. PM 2nd & 3rd Segments Thurs. PM De 1-Fe 15 Ja 15-Fe 20 Blue Spring Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28† De 1-Fe 15 N. Se 1-Fe 28 De 18-Ja 31 De 18-Ja 31 Note 1 Oc 15-Fe 28 State Seaso Se 1-Oc 14 d Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N, Se 1-Fe 28 State Season PM De 18-Ja 31 State Season Ja 1-Fe 20 Cahaba River & CRR (Note 5) N Se 1-Fe 28 No 17-Fe 14 N;DO;XW Ma 16-Ap 30 Choccolocco & MLR (Note 12) Oc 1-Fe 28 (exc. MLR) (exc. MLR) Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 17-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 Oc 1-Ja 31d N, Fe 1-28 DO;XW State Season Wed & Sat PM Ja 1-Ja 31 Ja 1-Ja 31 No 15-Fe 20 State Seaso Coosa N, Fe 1-28 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe 28 State Season PM State Season Se 6-21 Se 1-15 State Season No 15-Fe 20 Crow Creek, Mud Creek & Raccoon Oc 1-Oc 31 Fe 1-Fe 15 Oc 1-31 1st & 2nd Segment PM Oc 13-31 No 15-Ja 31 Fe 1-20 (Water Sets only) North Sauty & Crow Creek Refuges Fe 16-28 Oc 1-14 No 1-Fe 28 Demopolis Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-14 No 1-Fe 28 No 16-Fe 28 N, Se 1-Fe 28 N Se 1-Fe 28 State Season PM Note 2;AM State Seaso No 16-Fe 20 Oc 1-Fe 28 Frank W. & Rob Boykin Ma 16-Ap 30 No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 Se 1-No 8N Se 1-No 8 N State Season De 18-Ja 31 State Season State Season No 16-Fe 20 Fe 1-28N Fe 1-28 N Wash, Co. Only Wed & Sat PM Only No 16-Fe 28 No 16-Fe 28 De 18-Ja 31 No 16-Ja 31 Ap 1-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 Se 1-30N Freedom Hills Se 1-30, Fe 1-28 Wed & Sat PM Geneva State Forest Ma 16-Ap 30 No 1-Fe 28† No 16-Fe 28 No 1-Fe 28 1st Segment PM De 18-Ja 31 No 14-Fe 28 State Season No 16-Fe 20 Sat PM Only N, Oc. 1-Fe 28 DO; XW Oc 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 No 15-Fe 20 Hollins Ma 16-Ap 30 James D. Martin - Skyline Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 16-Ja 11 Ja 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe 28 OC 1-Fe 28 DO:XW De 18-Ja 31 No 14-Ja 31 State Season No 15-Fe 20 State Season Wed & Sat PM Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N. Se 1-Fe 28 N Se 1-Fe 28 State Season State Season No 15-Fe 20 Lauderdale Ap 1-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 N, Se 1-30 Se 1-30, Fe 1-28 De 18-Ja 31 N: DO:XW Oc 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 State Season PM No 15-Fe 20 Little River Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe28 N, Oc 1-Fe 28 DO:XW State Season N Oc 1-Fe 28 Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 17-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N, Se 6-Fe 28 N, Se 6-Fe 28 XW;DO State Season Wed & Sat PM De 18-Ja 31 De 18-Ja 31 No 16-Fe 20 Lowndes (Note 6) N Se 1-Fe 28 DO;XW Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N, Se 1-Fe 28 De 18-Ja 31 No 14-Fe 28 Se 6-21 State Seaso Note 3 No 16-Fe 20 W.L. Holland (Note 8) Remainder AM & PM Ma 16-Ap 30 Fe 1-28 **Jacinto Port Tract** Oc 1 -Fe 28 Ma 16-Ap 30 No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N Se 1-Fe 28 State Season PM No 16-Fe 20 State Seasor Mulberry Fork Se 1-Fe28 Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N Se 1-Fe 28 State Season PM De 18-la 31 State Season Ja 1-Fe 20 Oakmulgee (Note 11) Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe 28 State Season De 18-la 31 No 14-Fe 28 .la 1-Fe 20 Perdido River Se 1-Fe 28 Se 1-Fe 28 DO;XW Oc 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 De 18-Ja 31 No 15-Ja 31 Ap 1-Ap 30 No 15-Fe 28 N. Se 1-30 N. Fe 1-28 Se 1-30, Fe 1-28 Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N Se 1 -Fe 28 State Season PM De 18 - la 31 State Season Ja 1-Fe 20 Sam R. Murphy N Se 1-Fe28 N, Se 3-Fe 28 Ja 4-Fe 20 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 16-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 Scotch Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 Thu & Sat PM No 15-Fe 28 No 14-Fe 28 Seven-Mile Island (Note 9) Oc 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 Se 1-Fe28 State Season PM De 18-Ja 31 Se 6-21 Se 1-15 State Season No 15-Fe 20 Se 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N, Oc 1-No 21 Ja 1-Fe 20 St Clair Oc 1-No 21 DO;XW No 15-Fe 28 No 14-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 20 Swan Creek & Mallard Fox Creek Oc 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe 28 Se 1-Fe28 State Season PM De 18-Ja 31 Se 6-21 Se 6-15 State Season Se 1-Fe 28 DO-XM No 14-Fe 28 Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N, Se 1-Fe 28 State Season Sat De 18-Ja 31 State Season No 16-Fe 20 Upper Delta - Zone A Se 1-Fe 28 Upper Delta - Zone B Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N, Se 1-Fe 28 De 18-Ja 31 No 14-Fe 28 State Season No 16-Fe 20 Se 1-Fe 28 Ma 16-Ap 30 Oc 1-Fe 28 No 15-Fe 28 Oc 1-Fe28 N. Se 1-Fe 28 State Season PM De 18-Ja 31 Ja 1-Fe 20 Wolf Creek Se 1-Fe 28 DO:XW

# ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES FOUND ON ALL WMA HUNTING SCHEDULES IN THIS PUBLICATION

Se — September

Oc — October

No — November

De — December

Ja — January

Fe — February

Ma — March

Ap — April

N - Night Only

d — Day Only

XD — No Dogs

AM — One half-hour before sunrise until noon

PM — Noon until sunset

**DO** — Dogs Only

XW — No Weapons

 Youth must be less than 16 years old - Supervisor must be 25 years old or older or the parent of the youth and properly licensed to hunt on a WMA (for deer, two deer per day; only one may be an antlered buck)

Y2 — Youth Deer Hunts on November 15 and 16. Same age qualifications, licensing requirements, and bag limits as above in Y. No check-in required; must possess valid map/permit for the WMA.

MLR — Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge

CRR — Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge

D — Dogs - Antlered Bucks Only

PW — Primitive Weapons - Hunter's Choice except spotted fawns - two deer per day, no more than one antlered buck

HC — Hunter's Choice on all days - no spotted fawns - two deer per day, no more than one antlered buck; if a limited harvest is needed for biological reasons, a predetermined percentage of either sex permits on any hunt may be issued.

S — Stalk-Antlered Bucks Only

QD — Quality Deer Management Buck

BO — Bucks Only

Note 1 — No hunting on Open, Buck, Ditch or Blue Ponds

Note 2 — Daub's Swamp, Spidle Lake, and Dead Lake Units open for State Season (AM only); remainder of the WMA closed on days of gun deer hunts

Note 3 — AM Hunting only Monday through Thursday and 1/2 hour before

sunrise to sunset for Friday through Sunday during Nov. through Jan.

Note 4 — The day prior to the opening of regular spring turkey season will be open to physically disabled hunters [See 220-2-.01(1)(b)]

Note 5 — Archery only on CRR segment and no open season on CRR segment for dove, woodcock, snipe and waterfowl. No trapping on CRR

Note 6 — FERAL SWINE (Special Season) Aug. 16 - Sept. 5 and Mar. 1-10 (South Road Area Only). Permitted Firearms, Bow and Arrow, and Hunter Orange requirements same as that for gun deer hunting on WMAs. (No dogs allowed)

Note 7 — FERAL SWINE (Special Season) March 2-13.

Permitted firearms, those legal for use on a WMA stalk deer hunt; hunter orange required. (No Buckshot; No dogs allowed)

Note 8 — Feral swine season open during any wildlife management area season using any weapon or ammunition which is legal any time of the year. No dogs - (Daylight Hours Only)

Note 9 — FERAL SWINE (Special Season) March 1-31. Permitted arms are bow and arrow, crossbow, and muzzle loading firearms; hunter orange required.

Note 10 — All Small Game Hunting will be closed WEST of Swan Creek Jan. 5-9 and EAST of Swan Creek Jan. 12-16 to allow furbearer trapping.

Note 11 — FERAL SWINE (Special Season) - Mar. 1-10. Permitted Firearms,
Bow and Arrow, and Hunter Orange requirements same as for
stalk gun deer hunting on WMAs (Daylight Hours Only;
No Dogs Allowed)

Note 12 — FERAL SWINE (Special Season) March 1-12 and Sept. 1-15.
Permitted firearms, those legal for use on a WMA stalk deer hunt;
hunter orange required. (No Buckshot; No dogs allowed)

Note 13 — FOX - May be killed during any scheduled AREA hunt within the time period of deer and turkey seasons in that county, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only. Only one (1) fox per day may be harvested.

Fox squirrel season closed for February.

\*\*\* — No hunting on days of Youth Deer Hunts - Nov. 15 or Nov. 15 & 16

\*\*\*\* — Nov. 22 - Jan. 1 - Turkey - Gobblers Only (except on dates of Gun & PW Deer Hunts) - ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY (NO CROSSBOWS)

No small game hunting is permitted on days of gun, youth and primitive weapons deer hunts, except
on the Mobile-Tensaw Delta and W.L. Holland WMAs and the Daub's Swamp, Spidle Lake, and Dead
Lake units at Demopolis WMA.

 Coyote and feral swine may be killed during all sceduled WMA hunts (during daylight hours only), when possessing a valid WMA permit and using the weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts; no dogs.

• Fox (one per day) and Bobcat may be harvested on all WMA scheduled hunts during daylight hours only within the time period of deer and turkey seasons in that county.

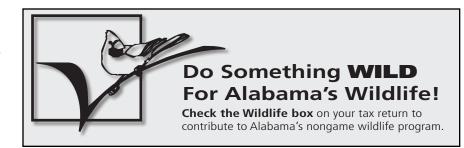
A State hunting license\*, management area permit, and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) license\* are required when hunting on management areas, community hunting areas, or refuges. Also, Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit is required for hunting any migratory birds. In addition, both State and Federal Stamps are required for hunting waterfowl. Either a State hunting license, a WMA license, or a Wildlife Heritage Licenses is required when using a shooting range.

\*A Wildlife Heritage license is valid in lieu of resident State hunting and WMA licenses for small game hunting, excluding waterfowl.



Hunting is the pursuit of game animals in a lawful, ethical manner. Hunters do the right thing even when no one else is looking.

Be a hunter and enjoy hunting.



# STATE OF ALABAMA PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS AND SHOOTING RANGES

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Hunted*	DOVE**	BG-SG-SR	BG-SG-SR	HR ANK	BG-SG-SR DISTRICT 1	BG-SG-SR	BG-SG-SR WIN	BG-SG	BG-SG-WF	_		SR	BG-SG □	BG-SG-SR DISTRICT 3 PICKENS TUSCALOOSA		BG-SG	BG-SG	BG-SG HALE	BG-SG	200	WF-SG summer 10	\ \	WF-BG-SG DISTRICT 5	WF-SG-BG	<u> </u>	BG-SG-SR \   31	BG-SG CLARKE	SR	WF-BG-SG WASHINGTON Y		WF-SG-BG	BG-SG	WF-SG	BG-SG-SR MOBILE >	BG-SG	WF-SG-SR	WF-BG-SG-SR	BG-SG
Nearest Acreage † City	370 Prattville	19,624 Clayton	97,398 Moulton	23,370 Andalusia	42,994 West Blocton	56,000 Heffin	37,291 Rockford	2,496 Stevenson	2,161 Stevenson	7,798 Demopolis		Gadsden	18,025 Citronelle	31,189 Cherokee	7,200 Florala	Hollins	2,900 Jachin	18,194 Waterloo	13,957 Centre	11,118 White Hall	1,483 Decatur	ge Linden	53,075 Spanish Fort	8,273 Scottsboro	35,520 Tutwiler	Guin	Scottsboro	44,500 Moundville	Gateswood	Cherokee	7,080 Stevenson	18,017 Coffeeville	5,745 Florence	45,690 Scottsboro	5,625 Pell City	8,870 Decatur		10,240 Townley
Management Area	Autauga	Barbour	Black Warrior	Blue Spring	Cahaba River	Choccolocco	Coosa	Crow Creek Refuge	Crow Creek	Demopolis	Etowah Public	Shooting Range	Frank W. & Rob M. Boykin	Freedom Hills	Geneva State Forest	Hollins	Kinterbish	Lauderdale	Little River	Lowndes	Mallard-Fox Creek	Marengo Public Shooting Range	Mobile-Tensaw Delta & W.L. Holland	Mud Creek	Mulberry Fork	Sam R. Murphy	North Sauty Refuge	Oakmulgee	Perdido River	Riverton	Raccoon Creek	Scotch	Seven-Mile Island	James D. Martin-Skyline	St. Clair	Swan Creek	Upper Delta	Wolf Creek
Location	-	7	က	4	5	9	7	∞	6	10	7		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	35	35	36	37

**NOTE:** Copies of individual detailed management area maps are available from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries – WILDLIFE SECTION or from www.outdooralabama.com

<sup>\*</sup>BG – Big Game: Deer, Turkey SG – Small Game: Squirrel, Rabit, Quail, Dove, Etc. SR – Shooting Range WF – Waterfowl \*\* – Open for Falconry also.
† – Current as of June 2008.

#### 2008-2009 November Schedule of Wildlife Management Area Deer Seasons No small game hunting is permitted on days of gun, youth, and primitive weapons deer hunts, Note: See page 5 for license and permit requirements. Note: All antiered bucks harvested on WMA's must be included as part of the annual except on Mobile-Tensaw Delta and W.L. Holland WMAs and the Daub's Swamp, Spidle Lake, and Dead Lake units at Demopolis WMA. statewide 3 buck limit. Sun., Thurs., & Fri.of Gun ARCHERY HUNTS: HUNTERS CHOICE, TWO DEER PER DAY EXCEPT AS OTHER-WISE NOTED οţ Sat. & Wed. of State Season Sat., Sun., Thurs., & State Gun Season Sat., Mon. & Wed. o State Gun Season WILDLIFE Nov. 15 & 16 (HC) **MANAGEMENT** Nov. 15 (HC) 18-19 19-20 27-29 28-30 17-18 23-29 24-29 24-30 25-26 20-21 **AREAS** 19-21 Nov 28-29 29-22 Nov. <u>√</u> Nov. No. Nov. М У ₹. <u></u> Nov. Nov. Š. Nov. Nov. \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 QD QD Barbour PW HC (QD) PW ES2 Oc 15 - Ja 31 (HC) НС Black Warrior - Zone A (Note 7) Oc 15 - Ja 31 (HC) Black Warrior - Zone B HC (Note 7) \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 Blue Spring \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 НС HC PW Cahaba River & CRR \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 Y2 S Choccolocco & MLR (Note 12) (HC) \*\*\*Oc 15 - Ja 31 Y2 PW HC Coosa Crow Creek, Mud Creek & No 1 - 9 (HC) Raccoon Creek No 1 - 9 (HC) North Sauty & Crow Creek Refuges \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 Demopolis (HC) \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 D Υ Frank W. & Rob Boykin HC \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 QD HC Freedom Hills (QD) (HC) \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 QD QD **Geneva State Forest** (QD) Oc 15 - Ja 31 PW НС Hollins James D. Martin - Skyline \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 S НС \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 Kinterbish De 5,6,26, 27 & Ja 16-17 \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 Lauderdale HC (QD) (HC) Oc 15 - Ja 31 (HC) S Little River HC \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 Lowndes (Note 6) Y2 OD HC (QD) \*\*\*Oc 15 - Ja 31 S Mobile-Tensaw Delta & (HC) W.L. Holland (Note 8) Oc 15 - Ja 31 **Except Jacinto Port Tract** \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 PW HC Mulberry Fork HC \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 Υ PW HC Oakmulgee (Note 11) \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 PW Perdido River НС Oc 15 - Ja 31 QD (HC) & No 29-De 6 QD Riverton НС (QD) (HC) & Ja 21-24 \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 PW HC Sam R. Murphy (HC) \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 D Scotch De 26 - Ja 31 (HC) Seven-Mile Island НС Oc 15 - Ja 31 St. Clair S exc. (HC) on (S, exc. (HC) on Wed. & No 28&29 De 12&13 Wed. & No 28 & 24 and De 12 & 13) Swan Creek & Oc 15 - No 14 (HC) **Mallard Fox Creek** \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 S Upper Delta - Zone A \*\*\* Oc 15 - Ja 31 S D Υ Upper Delta - Zone B Wolf Creek Oc 15 - Ja 31 (HC) HC

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# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PERMIT INFORMATION

#### **AUTAUGA COUNTY COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA**

(Autauga County)

**PERMITS:** Season permit to hunt dove on Saturdays and Wednesdays of the state dove season (12:00 noon until sunset) and falconers may be picked up at self-service box at the intersection of Buleau Road (leading to dove field) and Autauga County Road 57. Season permits may also be obtained by writing the District IV Wildlife Office, 1820-C Glynwood Drive, Prattville, AL 36066. Phone 334-358-0035. Include a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current state and management area hunting license numbers.

#### **BARBOUR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Barbour and Bullock Counties,

PERMITS: Season permits for small game, archery, and turkey may be obtained from self-service box at checking station. Permits requested by mail should be made to Adam Pritchett, 188 Christa Dr, Midway, AL 36053. Phone 334-529-3222. Request must include current hunting license number and large stamped self addressed envelope. All Deer Hunters during the gun, youth and primitive weapons deer hunts shall be issued a hunting permit and shall report in and out at the check station located at the area headquarters. All deer killed on youth, gun, and primitive weapon hunts shall be reported to personnel at the checking station which will open no later than 5:00 am; all deer killed during archery hunting and all turkeys killed during turkey season shall be reported at the self service facility located at the checking station. Trapping permits may be obtained only from area biologist. Roads are closed seasonally to public access from May 1 to September 1, but may be closed as needed after September 1. Buck size harvest restrictions apply, except for Youth Deer Hunts.

# BLACK WARRIOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA — BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

**PERMITS:** Permits for gun and primitive weapons deer hunts will be issued from the Black Warrior Headquarters Checking Station, 200 yards off of Hwy. 33 on the Northwest Road (Forest Service Rd. 208), on the dates of the hunts and from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. the day before the hunt. Permits for the Youth Turkey Hunt will be issued from the checking station on the day of the hunt. Season permits for the special feral swine hunt, small game, archery, the 6-consecutive day gun deer hunt (Dec. 27 Jan. 1) and spring turkey season may be obtained by writing Wildlife Biologist Barry Baird, P.O. Box 775, Moulton, AL 35650 (enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and current hunting license numbers) or locally from Western Auto, Moulton; Dependable Service Center, Russellville; Wren Grocery, Intersection of Hwy. 33 and 36, three miles south of Moulton; J.D.'s Quick Stop, Hwy. 24, Mt. Hope; Wal-Mart locations at, Hwy. 195 East, Haleyville and at the intersection of Hwy. 24 and 157, Moulton; the Winston County Coop, Hwy. 195 east, Haleyville; Lawrence County Probate Judge's Office, Lawrence County Courthouse, Moulton; Winston County Probate Judge's Office, Winston County Courthouse, Double Springs; U.S. Forest Service Office, Hwy. 33 North, Double Springs; and from the self-service issuing station located at the management area headquarters, 200 yards off of AL Hwy. 33 on the Northwest Rd. (Forest Service Rd. 208). All deer, turkey, and feral swine killed during the gun, primitive weapons and/or archery hunts shall be reported to the administrators of the hunt at the management area headquarters on the Northwest Road (Forest Service Road 208). Trapping permit must be obtained from the area wildlife biologist. Special buck antler restrictions apply on Zone B.

# **BLUE SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA — CONECUH NATIONAL FOREST** (Covinaton County)

**PERMITS:** Season permits for small game, archery, and turkey. All deer hunters during the modern gun deer hunts shall be issued daily permits from the checking station and shall report in and out at the checking station located at the Blue Spring Equipment Shed near Open Pond Tower in Conecuh National Forest. Checking station will be open no later than 5:00 am. Season permits requested by mail issued by Area Biologist, 1100 s. 3 Notch St, Andalusia, Al 36420. Request must include current hunting license number and large stamped self addressed envelope. Season Permits available on a self service basis from the checking station or during business hours at the Wildlife District VI Office in Andalusia. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. On all stalk deer hunts, each hunter under 16 years and all females will be issued an either sex permit good for that hunt.

# **CAHABA RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Bibb & Shelby Counties)

**PERMITS:** Gun and primitive weapon deer permits will be issued daily from the checking station. Season small game, archery deer and turkey permits can be obtained locally at McKinney Wrecker Service, Rt. 2, Box 2, West Blocton, AL 35184; Holcomb Building Supply, 3690 Hwy, 25, Montevallo, AL 35115; Crossroads, Hwy 22 and 119, Montevallo; Jones Citgo, Hwy. 22 and 17, Montevallo; Chevron, Co. Rd. 17, Helena; B, Hwy 17, Helena; Bart's Country Store, Hwy. 10, Pea Ridge; or by writing Area Biologist Chas Moore, P.O. Box 318, Calera, AL 35040 (office phone (205) 339-5716). Include a large, self-addressed stamped envelope and your current hunting license number and indicate the permit you desire. Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist.

# CHOCCOLOCCO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA — TALLADEGA NATIONAL FOREST (Calhoun and Cleburne Counties)

PERMITS: Permits for the Dec. 5-6 gun deer hunt will be issued from the two checking stations during the dates of the hunt. Permits on the two-day gun deer hunt will be issued the day before the hunt beginning at 3:00 p.m. and daily during this hunt. Season permits for the gun deer hunts of Nov. 24-30, Dec. 17-23, Jan. 3-6, for the Primitive Weapons deer hunt on Dec. 10-15, for the Youth deer hunt on Nov. 15-16, and for small game, archery deer, and turkey may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Brandon Howell, 2188 Hollingsworth Rd. Jacksonville, AL 36265 (phone [256] 435-5422) or the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 4101 AL Hwy. 21 North, Jacksonville, AL 36265. Send your current state hunting license number along with a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope. The season map permits are also available at most local license agents and from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office in Jacksonville between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. The two hunter checking stations, one located at the intersection of FS 500 and FS 533, and the other located at the junction of Joseph Springs Rd. (FS 522) and Hwy. 9 will be open from 5:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on dates of the two-day gun deer hunt.

#### COOSA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Coosa County)

PERMITS: Season permits for the Nov. 15-16 Youth gun deer hunt, the Jan. 3-9 gun deer hunt and the Nov. 19-20 primitive weapons deer hunt and small game, turkey, and archery (deer) may be obtained by writing (must include self-addressed, business size, stamped envelope) the District IV Wildlife Office, 1820-C Glynwood Drive, Prattville, AL 36066. Phone: 334-358-0035. Season permits also issued locally at Kelley's Cross Roads Grocery, Hwy. 22, Sylacauga Outdoors on Hwy. 280 in Sylacauga and Toodlum's off Hwy. 231 in Hanover. All hunters (including archery) during the gun deer hunts on Nov. 28\*-29\*, Dec. 12\*-13\*, and Jan. 30-31 shall be issued a hunting permit at the checking station located at Mt. Moriah Church approximately 7 miles south of Weogufka off of County Hwy. 29. All deer killed shall be reported to personnel at the checking station. The checking station will be opened no later than 5:00 a.m. Trapping permits may be obtained only from area biologist.

# CROW CREEK, MUD CREEK AND RACCOON CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS And NORTH SAUTY AND CROW CREEK WATERFOWL REFUGES

(Jackson County)

PERMITS: A season permit required for all hunting on the waterfowl management areas and refuges may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Jud Easterwood, 234 County Road 141, Hollywood, AL 35752 along with a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope. Phone (256) 437-2788. Permits will also be available from most hunting license vending agents in Jackson County. Federal duck stamp and federal regulations may be obtained at U.S. Post Office. Alabama duck stamp may be obtained from Probate Judge's Office. Per harvested on Saturday, Nov. 1, and Saturday, Nov. 8, must be presented at Coon Creek Outfitters on Hwy. 72 in Stevenson, Alabama for data collection. Data collection forms will be provided at local license agents to record deer harvested during the entire nine day archery hunt.

# DEMOPOLIS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Sumter, Hale, Marengo & Greene Counties)

PERMITS: Season permits issued for small game, gun deer, archery, primitive weapons, and turkey may be obtained from Wal-Mart, Hwy 80, Demopolis; Willingham's Sports, Hwy. 80 West, Demopolis; Elk Food Mart Shell Station, Hwy. 43 North, Demopolis; AMOCO Food Shop, Hwy. 28 West, Coatopa; Belmont Grocery, Belmont; or by writing Area Biologist Justin Brock, P.O. Box 993, Demopolis, AL 36732 (Office phone [334] 289-8030).

# FRANK W. & ROB M. BOYKIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Washington & Mobile Counties

**PERMITS:** Gun deer permits except 7-day stalk and primitive weapons will be issued daily from checking station located on Washington Co. Rd. 35, 6 miles northeast of Citronelle, AL. Primitive weapons and season small game, archery deer, and turkey permits may be obtained from self-service box at the checking station or by writing Stewart Abrams, 30571 Five Forks Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527; Phone: (251)-626-5474. Include a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license number. All deer and turkeys killed must be checked at the checking station. Trapping permits must be obtained from area biologist.

# FRED T. STIMPSON COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA

(Clarke County)

**PERMITS:** Gun deer permits will be issued <u>daily</u> from checking station located on Clarke Co. Rd. 15, 11 miles south of Jackson, AL. Maps may be obtained by writing District V office at 30571 Five Rivers Blvd, Spanish Fort, AL 36527; Phone: 251-626-5474. Include a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope. All deer killed must be checked at the checking station.

# FREEDOM HILLS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Colbert County)

PERMITS: Season map/permits for small game, archery and turkey may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Mitchell Marks, 4200 White Pike, Cherokee, AL 35616, (enclose current hunting license number and stamped, self-addressed envelope); (256) 359-6208 or locally from Wal-Mart in Russellville and Muscle Shoals; Dependable Service Center, Russellville; Yogi's, intersection of Hwy. 72 and 247; Colbert County Courthouse in Tuscumbia; Franklin County Courthouse in Russellville; Dick's in Florence; Waldrep's Service Center in Cherokee; and from the self-service issuing station located at Stewart's Camp. Deer and turkey harvested during the gun and/or archery hunts shall be reported to the hunt administrators. Deer harvested on these hunts must be recorded at the checking station on the day harvested, or if the checking station is closed, in the archery/ turkey harvest box at the Stewart's Camp information board prior to leaving the WMA. Silver gates on old portion of area will be closed except on days of gun deer hunts and the first 10 days of the squirrel season. All other entrance gates will be open from October 1 through the end of February and during the Spring Turkey Season. No secondary gates will be opened. Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist. Youth hunt permits and gun deer hunt permits will be issued at the checking station on the day of the hunt. Special buck antler restrictions apply, except on Youth Peer Hunt

# GENEVA STATE FOREST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Geneva County)

PERMITS: Daily permits for gun deer hunting will be issued from checking station, which will open no later than 5:00 a.m. Season permits will be issued for small game, archery deer and turkey and are available at Clem's Tackle Shop, Hwy, 84 W., Opp; Lockhart grocery, Florala; Revel's Grocery, 4 miles west of Samson on Hwy. 52; Walmart Store, Geneva, and on a self-service basis from the checking station. Permits requested by mail should be made to Area biologist John Powers, 1119 Forest Area Road Kinston, AL 36453; Phone 334-898-7013. Request must include current hunting license number and large stamped self addressed envelope. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. Buck size harvest restrictions apply, except for Youth Deer Hunts.

# **HOLLINS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Clav & Talladega Counties)

PERMITS: Season permits for Jan. 10-16 gun deer hunt and the Nov. 17-18 primitive weapons deer hunt and small game, turkey, and archery (deer and turkey) may be obtained by writing (must include self-addressed, business size, stamped envelope) or contacting Area Biologist Gene Carver, PO Box 27, Hollins, AL 35082 or Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, District IV Wildlife Office, 1820-C Glynwood Drive, Prattville, AL 36066. Phone: 334-358-0035. Season permits also issued locally at Hollins WMA Checking Station, Hollins; Hollins General Store, Hwy 511, Hollins; Toodlums, Hwy. 231 in Hanover; Friendly Corner at the intersection of Hwy. 148; Main St. in Sylacauga; Sylacauga Outdoors on Hwy. 280 in Sylacauga; and Mike's Army Surplus Headquarters in Talladega. All deer hunters (including archery) during the gun deer hunts on Nov. 22\*, Dec. 5\*-6\* and Jan. 23-24 shall be issued a hunting permit at the checking station. Adults and youth participating in the youth turkey hunt on March 14 must check-in and out of the checking station. All deer killed shall be reported to personnel at the checking station. The checking station will be opened no later than 5:00 a.m. Trapping permits may be obtained only from the area biologist.

# JAMES D. MARTIN -SKYLINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Jackson County)

PERMITS: Permits for the Nov. 15 youth deer hunt, the Nov. 22 and Dec. 12-13 gun deer hunts, will be issued from the two checking stations during the dates of the hunts. Season map permits will be valid for the deer hunts on Nov. 28-30, Dec. 27-31, Jan. 9-10, Jan. 16-17, Jan 22-24 and the Dec. 18-21 primitive weapon hunts, and for small game, archery deer, and turkey hunting. These season map permits may be obtained by writing: Area Biologist Frank Allen, 37 County Road 243, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768, phone (256) 587-3114 (enclose self-addressed stamped #10 envelope and current hunting license number). Season permits are available at most local license agents. The checking stations are located on Jackson Co. Rd. 55 one and one-half miles north of Co. Rd. 42, and on County Road 243, ½ mile north of Hwy 79 and Hwy 146 intersection. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. Checking stations will be open from 5:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on dates of Nov. 15, Nov. 22, and Dec. 12-13. Deer harvested during these dates must be brought to the checking station. Deer harvested during the remaining deer hunts will be registered on a form provided for that purpose at each of the checking stations. Those hunters less than the age of 16 and female hunters may harvest either sex (except spotted fawns). One deer per day. Note: On the gun deer hunts on Nov. 28-30, Dec. 27-31, Jan. 9-10, Jan. 16-17 and Jan. 22-24 and the primitive weapons hunts on Dec. 18-21, this map shall be your permit to hunt on the WMA and must be in your possession. You do not check in or out at check stations. The check stations will be open only on the Youth hunt Nov. 15, and Gun Deer hunts on Nov. 22 and Dec. 12-13.

#### KINTERBISH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Sumter County)

**PERMITS:** Season permits issued for small game, gun deer, archery, primitive weapons, and turkey may be obtained from Short Stop Grocery, Hwy. 17 South, York or by writing Wildlife Biologist Chris Cook, P.O. Box 993, Demopolis, AL 36732 (Office phone [334] 289-8030). Permits also will be available on a self-service basis in a mailbox at the checking station (equipment shed). Checking station located at Gaston Community, 3 miles east of Ward, AL, on Sumter Co. Rd. 10.

# LAUDERDALE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Lauderdale County)

PERMITS: Permits for Gun Deer and Youth Turkey Hunts will be issued from the checking station on the dates of the hunts. Season permits for turkey, small game, and archery deer seasons may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Daniel Toole, PO Box 1314, Florence, AL 35631 and enclose current hunting license number and a self-addressed stamped envelope or locally from Waterloo Market, Waterloo; Dick's Sporting Goods, Florence; McFarland Funland & Bait Shop, McFarland Bottom, Florence; Brush Creek Gro., Wright; Lake View Market, Wright; Wal-Mart, Florence and from Probate Judge's Office, Lauderdale County Courthouse; and from the self-serve permit box at the Checking Station in Waterloo. All deer and turkey harvested shall be reported to the administrators of the hunt at the checking station located on Waterloo Road prior to leaving the WMA. Should the station be closed animals can be recorded on the report form located in the permit box at the checking station. Trapping permits must be obtained from area biologist.

### LITTLE RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Cherokee & DeKalb Counties)

PERMITS: Permits for the Nov. 22 and Dec. 12-13 gun deer hunts will be issued during the dates of the hunts from the checking station located on Cherokee County Road 103, one-half mile from the intersection with Highway 35. The checking station will open no later than 5:00 a.m. Season map permits will be valid for deer hunts on Nov. 23-29, Dec. 14-19, and Jan. 6-13, and primitive weapon hunt Dec. 20-Jan.1, and for all other hunting seasons listed. These season permits may be obtained at Day's Sporting Goods, Centre, AL; Mark's Grocery, Highway 9, Centre, AL; Little River Store, Hwy. 35 between Blanche and Ft. Payne, Shell Service Station, Fisher Crossroads; Abbot Marina, Airport Rd., Ft. Payne; Gun Center, Gault Ave., Ft. Payne; or by writing Area Biologist Tracy Nelson, 4415 County Road 75, Cedar Bluff, Al. 35959 (phone [256] 643-4139 extension 11). Send your current hunting license number along with a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope. Season map permits are also available from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 4101 Hwy. 21 N., Jacksonville, Al. 36265 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Trapping permits may be obtained from the Area Biologist.

# **LOWNDES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Lowndes County)

PERMITS: Season Permits for the Nov. 15-16 Youth gun deer hunt, the Dec. 6-13 gun deer hunt, special feral swine seasons Aug. 16- Sept. 5 and Mar 1-10, and small game, turkey and archery (deer) will be issued locally by St. Clair Grocery, County Road 29, St. Clair, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Assistant Resource Office, Hwy. 80; Four Seasons, Owens Road, White Hall; Triple Spot, Co. Rd. 23, White Hall; Hall's Grocery, Old Selma Road, Montgomery; Shopper Stop #145, Hwy. 80, (open 7 days/ week and 24 hours/day) Lowndesboro; or by writing Area Biologist Chris Jaworowski, 154 Battlefield Road, Lowndesboro, AL 36752, or Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, District IV Wildlife Office, 1820-C Glynwood Drive, Prattville, AL 36066. Phone: 334-358-0035. All deer hunters (including archery during the gun deer hunts) Nov. 28-29, Dec. 19-20, Jan. 9-10, Jan 23-24, shall be issued a hunting permit at the checking station located on Hunters Loop Road off Henderson Road. Adults and youth participating in the youth turkey hunt on March 14 must check-in and out of the checking

station. The checking station will be open no later than 5:00 am. Trapping permits may be obtained only from the Area Biologist. Special buck size harvest restrictions apply except Youth Deer Hunt.

# MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA AND W.L. HOLLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (Baldwin & Mobile Counties)

PERMITS: A season permit is required for all hunting and is valid for all game species and seasons listed hereon. Permits may be obtained at self-service permit box located at the end of Baldwin County road 86 or from Bass Pro Shop, Spanish Fort; Campbell's Hardware, Robertsdale; Mobile County River Delta Marina, Quint's Hardware, Saraland; Daphne, Fairhope, and Bay Minette Wal-Marts; and from the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 30571 Five Forks Blvd., between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri., or by writing to Area Biologist Keith Gaulden, 30571 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527; Phone: 251-626-5474. Include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current license number. Trapping Permits must be obtained from area biologist.

# MULBERRY FORK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Tuscaloosa & Walker Counties)

PERMITS: Gun and primitive weapon deer permits will be issued daily from the checking station located 3 miles north of the Franklin Ferry Bridge on Franklin Ferry Road, 12 miles north of Oak Grove, Alabama. Season small game, archery deer and turkey permits can be obtained locally at The Grove, Lock 17 Road, Adger, AL 35006; Mini Mart, Hwy. 69, Oakman, AL 35579; Fast Break Shop, Hwy 269, Goodsprings, AL 35560; Wal-Mart, Hwy. 78, Jasper, AL 35501; Pat's Archery and Outdoors, Hwy. 78, Jasper, AL 35501; Quinn's Marina, Franklin Ferry Rd., Parrish, AL 35580; or by writing Area Biologist Phil Miller, P.O. Box 176, Oakman, AL 35579 (office phone (205) 339-5716). Include a large, self-addressed stamped envelope and your current hunting license number and indicate the permit you desire. Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist. Turkeys harvested must be reported to the area biologist. On each gun stalk deer hunt, each hunter under 16 years and/or female will be issued an either sex deer permit good for that days hunt only.

#### **OAKMULGEE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Bibb, Hale, Perry & Tuscaloosa Counties)

PERMITS: Gun and primitive weapons deer permits will be issued daily from the checking station at the Elliott Creek Work Center on Hale Co. Hwy. 50, 11 miles east of Moundville, AL. Season small game, archery deer, and turkey permits will be available at the self-service box located at the checking station; Wal-Mart, Skyland Blvd., Tuscaloosa; Duncanville Feed and Seed, Hwy. 82 E. Duncanville; County Line Grocery, Hwy 82 W.; Woods and Waters, Skyland Blvd., Tuscaloosa; and Pleasant Valley Store on Hale Co. Hwy. 25, Tuscaloosa; and Academy Sports and Outdoors, 710 Skyland Blvd., Tuscaloosa. Requests for small game, archery deer and turkey permits by mail should be sent to Area Biologist Jeff Makemson, 11481 Colonial Dr., Duncanville, AL 35456 (phone [205] 371-6375 or [205] 339-5716). Include current hunting license number with a large, self-addressed stamped envelope. FERAL SWINE, archery deer and turkeys harvested must be reported by completing the self-service form at the checking station or contacting the area biologist. Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist. On each gun stalk deer hunts, each hunter under 16 years and/or female will be issued an either sex deer permit good for that days hunt only.

# PERDIDO RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Baldwin County)

PERMITS: Gun deer permits will be issued daily from the checking station located on Duck Road at the intersection of Barinaeu Park Road and Baldwin County 112. Season small game, archery deer, and turkey permits may be obtained from the self service box at the checking station or at Bass Pro Shop, Spanish Fort; Campbell's Hardware, Wal-Marts in Bay Minette, Fairhope and Daphne and from the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries office or by writing Chris Nix 30571 Five Rivers Blvd. Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527 (Phone [251]626-5474). Include a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license number. All deer and turkey harvested must be recorded on the form posted at the checking station. Trapping permits must be obtained from area biologist.

# RIVERTON COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA

(Colbert County)

PERMITS: Season map/permits for small game, archery, turkey and gun deer may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Mitchell Marks, 4200 White Pike, Cherokee, AL 35616 (enclose current hunting license numbers and stamped, self-addressed envelope); (256) 359-6208 or locally from Wal-Mart in Muscle Shoals; Colbert County Courthouse in Tuscumbia; Waldrep's Service Center in Cherokee; and Rose Trail Bait Shop, Riverton. Deer and turkey harvested during the gun and/or archery hunts shall be reported to the hunt administrators by recording harvested game at the checking station harvest box at Rose Trail Bait Shop. All entrance gates will be opened from October 1 through the end of February and during Spring Turkey Season. No secondary gates will be opened. Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist. Special buck antler restrictions apply.

# SAM R. MURPHY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Lamar and Marion Counties)

PERMITS: Permits for the Nov. 15 youth deer hunt, the Dec. 12-13 and Jan 15-17 gun deer hunts will be issued daily from the checking station located ½ mile east of Pikeville on Marion Co. 2. Pikeville is 4 miles north of Guin, AL on US Hwys. 43, 78, and 278. Season map/permits will be valid for gun deer hunts on Nov. 24-29 and Dec. 27 — Jan. 3, small game, archery deer, and turkey permits and may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Kevin Pugh, 827 Cooner Road, Jasper, AL 35505, Phone (205) 468-3172. Include a large, self—addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license numbers and indicate the permit you desire. Season map/permits will also be available at Country Corner, Guin; Wal-Mart, Winfield and Hamilton; Marion and Lamar County Courthouses; Black's Hardware, Guin; Texaco Truck Stop, Hwy 78, Hamilton; Marion County Lake and Ford Dealership, Sulligent during regular business hours. All deer and turkey killed must be checked at the checking station. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

# SCOTCH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Clarke County)

**PERMITS:** Permits required for all hunting and trapping. Gun deer and youth permits issued daily from Management Area Headquarters. No dog deer permits issued after 7:00 a.m. Season small game, archery deer, and turkey permits may be picked up at Area Headquarters or through the mail by writing District Office, 30571 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527; Phone: 251-626-5474 (include current hunting license numbers, and SASE).

# SEVEN-MILE ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND KEY CAVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERIVCE

(Lauderdale County)

**PERMITS:** A season permit is required for all hunting and trapping. This permit may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Daniel Toole, PO Box 1314, Florence, AL 35631 and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, Decatur or locally from McFarland Funland & Bait Shop, McFarland Bottom, Florence; Dick's Sporting Goods, Hwy. 20, Florence; Probate Judge's Office, Lauderdale County Courthouse; and Wal-Mart, Florence; and from self-service permit box located at the main entrance gate off of Hwy. 20 just west of Cypress Creek next to the Florence Water Treatment Plant. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. Federal duck stamp and federal regulations may be obtained at U.S. Post Office. State duck stamp may be obtained at Probate Judge's Office or from any hunting license vendor selling electronically generated licenses. Vehicles will be allowed beyond entrance gate the first 10 days of the dove season only. All deer harvested during the archery season and all feral swine harvested must be recorded on the reporting form located in the permit box at entrance gate off of Hwy. 20 just west of Cypress Creek next to the Florence Water Treatment Plant.

#### ST. CLAIR COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA

(St. Clair County)

**PERMITS:** A season permit is required for all hunting and is valid for all game species and seasons listed hereon. Either-sex gun hunts will be on Nov. 28-29, Dec. 12-13, and every Wednesday of the gun deer season. Season permits may be obtained locally from Highway 231 Quickstop located at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 231 and U.S. Hwy. 411; K & N Service Station, intersection of U.S. Hwy. 231 and AL Hwy. 144; K-Mart and Wal Mart in Pell City; Lucky's Bait and Tackle on Main Street, Pell City; 5th Avenue Grocery, Hwy. 411, Ashville; and from Conservation Enforcement Officers in St. Clair County. Permits will also be issued from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri., or by writing to Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 4101 AL Hwy. 21 North, Jacksonville, AL 36265 (enclose current hunting license number and stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope). Trapping permits must be obtained from Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office (address above). All deer and turkey killed on the area must be recorded on a ledger made available at Highway 231 Quickstop and at K & N Service Station.

# **SWAN CREEK & MALLARD FOX CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

(Limestone, Morgan & Lawrence Counties)

**PERMITS:** A season permit is required for all hunting and trapping. Waterfowl, small game and archery deer permits may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Steve Bryant, 21453 Harris Station Rd., Tanner, AL 35671; Phone 256-353-2634. Permits issued locally by J.C.'s Gun and Tackle, 1112 6th Ave. S.E., Decatur and University Dr. NW, Huntsville; Wiley Outdoor Sports, 1808 Sportsman Lane, Huntsville and Gateway Shopping Center, Decatur; West End Chevron 17171 Hwy 72 West, Athens; and at the self-service issuing station located next to the Swan Creek equipment shed. FEDERAL DUCK STAMP AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT U.S. POST OFFICE. ALABAMA DUCK STAMP MAY BE OBTAINED AT LICENSE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE OR FROM ANY HUNTING LICENSE VENDOR SELLING ELECTRONICALLY GENERATED LICENSES. All deer harvested on Swan Creek or Mallard-Fox Creek WMA should have data recorded at one of the following locations: the self-service check station located just east of the Swan Creek Equipment Shed, Marie's Country Store, located at intersection of Lucas Ferry Road and Nuclear Plant Road, JoMo's One Stop, located at intersection of Hwy. 31 and Airport Road, Mojo's Deli #6, located on Hwy. 20 just west of the intersection with Finley Island Road, or at Bud's Store, located at the intersection of Hwy. 20 and Lawrence Co. Road 400. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

# **UPPER DELTA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Baldwin and Mobile Counties)

**PERMITS:** A season permit is required for all hunting and is valid for all game species listed on permit. Permits may be obtained at self-service permit box located on Area off St. Luke Church Road or from Mobile County River Delta Marina, Quint's Hardware, Boatyard Landing, Hubbard's Landing, Saraland; Daphne, Fairhope, and Bay Minette Wal-Marts, Mt. Vernon Hardware, Baldwin Co. Courthouse, Mobile County License Commissioner's Office, and from the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Office, 30571 Five Rivers Blvd, Spanish Fort, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday-Friday, or by writing to Area Biologist Steven W. Barnett, 30571 Five Rivers Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527; Phone: 251-626-5474. Include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license number. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. All deer and turkey harvested must be reported at self-service checking station on Area or on harvest records located at Hubbard's Landing, Boat Yard Landing, Mobile County River Delta Marina, Upper Bryant Landing or Mt. Vernon Hardware.

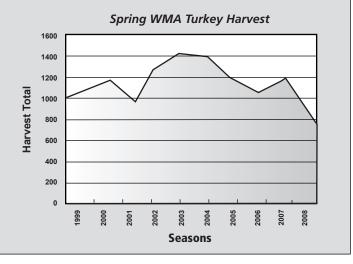
# **WOLF CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

(Walker & Fayette Counties)

**PERMITS:** Permits for the Nov. 22, Dec. 5 - 6, Dec. 19 - 20, Jan. 9 - 10 gun deer hunts will be issued daily from the checking station located south of AL Hwy. 102 on the Frozen Hollow Road. The checking station will open no later than 5:00 AM during these hunts. Season map/permits will be valid for the Jan. 24 - 31 gun deer hunt, small game, archery deer, and turkey hunting and may be obtained by writing Area Biologist Kevin D. Pugh, 827 Cooner Road, Jasper, AL 35503; Phone: 205-468-3172. Include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope and your current hunting license number. Map/permits may also be obtained from self-service box at the checking station or from Pat's Archery, Hwy. 78, Jasper; The Country Store, Hwy. 102, Townley; and Wal-Mart, Hwy 78, Jasper. All deer and turkey killed must be checked at the checking station. Trapping permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

# Statistics for Spring Turkey Hunting on Alabama WMAs

The graph below reflects a ten-year trend of spring turkey harvests on WMAs. Management decisions for wildlife are usually based over a period of time (trend) rather than spotlighting any particular season due to normal fluctuations in populations from year to year. Turkey harvest data for each WMA in the 2008 spring season are shown in the table.



2008 Spring WMA Turkey Harvest Data										
Wildlife Management Area	Man-Days Hunted	Known Legal Harvest	Estimated Legal Harvest	Man-Days Hunted per Turkey Harvested						
BARBOUR	400	33	45	8.9						
BLACK WARRIOR	1,000	16	25	40.0						
BLUE SPRING	1,500	35	60	25.0						
САНАВА	450	21	42	10.7						
СНОССОГОССО	500	13	40	12.5						
COOSA	950	45	65	14.6						
COVINGTON	600	18	35	17.1						
DEMOPOLIS	340	3	10	34.0						
F. & R. BOYKIN	125	0	7	17.9						
FREEDOM HILLS	1,017	8	17	59.8						
HOLLINS	625	25	50	12.5						
J.D. MARTIN-SKYLINE	740	14	26	28.5						
KINTERBISH	100	0	6	16.7						
LAUDERDALE	475	26	30	15.8						
LITTLE RIVER	450	10	15	30.0						
LOWNDES	300	14	28	10.7						
MULBERRY FORK	500	18	28	17.9						
OAKMULGEE	700	60	75	9.3						
PERDIDO RIVER	150	6	20	7.5						
RIVERTON	213	3	11	19.4						
SAM R. MURPHY	800	32	50	16.0						
SCOTCH	250	9	20	12.5						
ST. CLAIR	140	7	16	8.8						
UPPER DELTA	250	16	24	10.4						
W. L. HOLLAND	45	2	6	7.5						
WOLF CREEK	500	12	20	25.0						
TOTALS	13,120	446	771	17.0						

# 2007-08 Statistics for Deer Hunting on Alabama's WMAs

The number of deer killed on each wildlife management area (WMA), the hunting method, and the man-days of participation are compared in Tables 1 and 2 (information taken from Deer Hunt Results on Alabama Wildlife Management Areas, Annual Report, 2007-08). Hunter participation and success can vary due to weather, date of hunt, and length of the season. Statewide participation in stalk hunts decreased by 2,044 mandays from last year's totals, with fourteen of the 26 WMAs that offered stalk hunts decreasing in hunter participation on stalk hunts during the 2007-08 season. Hunter success decreased, going from 16 man-days per deer killed on stalk hunts in 2006-07 to 18 man-days per deer killed on stalk hunts in 2007-08. This success rate was better than the average of 20 man-days per deer killed on stalk hunts for the period of 2001-2006. Eighteen WMAs scheduled either-sex deer hunts for youth hunters during the 2007-08 hunting season. Each hunter who participated in one of these special hunts had to be less than 16 years of age and accompanied by a non-hunting, licensed adult 25 years of age or older, or a parent. Total participation on these hunts decreased from last year's total of 819 hunters to 718 hunters for 2007-08. The deer kill on these hunts decreased, from 44 deer in 2006-07 to 33 deer in 2007-08. The primary purpose of the youth hunts is to acquaint young hunters with deer hunting. These hunts will continue on WMAs in the future.

# **Quality Deer Management on Some Alabama WMAs**

Six WMAs currently are under quality deer management (QDM) guidelines. The 2007-08 hunting season was the ninth year of QDM for Barbour WMA, the eighth year for Covington WMA, the sixth for Freedom Hills and Lauderdale WMAs, the fifth year for Lowndes WMA, and the first year for Black Warrior-Zone B. Antlered bucks must have at least 3-points on one antler (4 points at Black Warrior - Zone B) to be legal to kill and hunters have more opportunity to kill antlerless deer on gun deer hunts on all of these WMAs. The first five WMAs have shown considerable improvements in the age structure of the antlered buck kill since initiation of the QDM programs. For the 2007-08 hunting season, the overwhelming majority of the antlered bucks reported killed on these areas was comprised of 2-1/2 year old and older deer (Barbour 84%, Black Warrior-Zone B 73%, Covington 97%, Freedom Hills 96%, Lauderdale 91%, Lowndes 89%). Prior to the implementation of the antler restrictions, 1-1/2 year olds were the largest age class in the annual buck kill. Over time, the current management strategies on all six areas should continue to produce a higher percentage of adult bucks (2-1/2 years old and older) in the population, as well as a more balanced adult sex ratio, more intense rutting behavior, and many other traits characteristic of a healthy, balanced deer herd managed under QDM. Biologists on these areas will continue to collect biological data, as well as public opinion data, to monitor the status of the deer herds and deer hunters on these six WMAs. These data will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of current management practices used on the areas and aid biologists in making decisions to help achieve their long-term management objectives. If the public's demand for more WMAs managed for better quality deer becomes stronger, the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries may decide to initiate QDM programs on other public hunting areas in the future.

If you would like further detailed information regarding the 2007-08 Wildlife Management Area Deer Hunt results, the complete report is available at: www.outdooralabama.com/research-mgmt/publications/



This Wildlife Management Area Schedule is supported in part by funding from the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program.

TABLE 1. Deer Hunting on Alal	bama's W	MAs: Arc	hery 2007	08
Wildlife Management Area	Man-Days Hunted	Estimated Legal Kill	Man-Days Hunted Per Deer Killed	Man-Days Hunter Success (%)
BARBOUR	1,020	56	18.2	5.5%
BLACK WARRIOR	650	33	19.7	5.1%
BLUE SPRING	1,065	55	19.4	5.2%
CAHABA RIVER	1,200	68	17.6	5.7%
сноссогоссо	830	97	8.6	11.7%
COOSA	1,005	66	15.2	6.6%
COVINGTON	800	52	15.4	6.5%
DEMOPOLIS	650	30	21.7	4.6%
FRANK W. & ROB M. BOYKIN	625	32	19.5	5.1%
FREEDOM HILLS	1,280	38	33.7	3.0%
HOLLINS	975	59	16.5	6.1%
JACKSON COUNTY WATERFOWL AREAS	2,120	85	24.9	4.0%
JAMES D. MARTIN-SKYLINE	1,105	27	40.9	2.4%
KINTERBISH	140	4	35.0	2.9%
LAUDERDALE	170	16	10.6	9.4%
LITTLE RIVER	925	26	35.6	2.8%
LOWNDES	825	53	15.6	6.4%
MULBERRY FORK	500	108	4.6	21.6%
OAKMULGEE	1,400	143	9.8	10.2%
PERDIDO RIVER	315	36	8.8	11.4%
RIVERTON	702	20	35.1	2.8%
SAM R. MURPHY	650	61	10.7	9.4%
scotch	255	11	23.2	4.3%
SEVEN MILE ISLAND	145	24	6.0	16.6%
ST. CLAIR	670	66	10.2	9.9%
SWAN CREEK & MALLARD FOX CREEK	890	35	25.4	3.9%
UPPER DELTA	1,300	38	34.2	2.9%
W. L. HOLLAND & MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA	1,375	24	57.3	1.7%
WOLF CREEK	550	36	15.3	6.5%
TOTALS	24,137	1,399	17.3	5.8%

TABLE 2. Deer Hunting on Ala	abama's W	MAs: Fire	earms* 20	07-08
Wildlife Management Area	Man-Days Hunted	Estimat- ed Legal Kill	Man-Days Hunted Per Deer Killed	Man-Days Hunter Success (%)
BARBOUR	3,402	180	18.9	5.3%
BLACK WARRIOR	3,580	88	40.7	2.5%
BLUE SPRING	2,971	256	11.6	8.6%
CAHABA RIVER	2,733	136	20.1	5.0%
CHOCCOLOCCO	4,089	229	17.9	5.6%
COOSA	2,044	109	18.8	5.3%
COVINGTON	1,705	116	14.7	6.8%
DEMOPOLIS	863	44	19.6	5.1%
FRANK W. & ROB M. BOYKIN	1,983	70	28.3	3.5%
FREEDOM HILLS	3,262	104	31.4	3.2%
HOLLINS	1,889	105	18.0	5.6%
JAMES D. MARTIN-SKYLINE	5,389	223	24.2	4.1%
KINTERBISH	260	23	11.3	8.8%
LAUDERDALE	2,227	100	22.3	4.5%
LITTLE RIVER	2,292	97	23.6	4.2%
LOWNDES	2,068	160	12.9	7.7%
MULBERRY FORK	3,954	287	13.8	7.3%
OAKMULGEE	3,422	325	10.5	9.5%
PERDIDO RIVER	1,220	33	37.0	2.7%
RIVERTON	934	39	23.9	4.2%
SAM R. MURPHY	1,894	184	10.3	9.7%
SCOTCH	1,923	113	17.0	5.9%
ST. CLAIR	2,000	183	10.9	9.2%
UPPER DELTA	1,955	114	17.1	5.8%
W. L. HOLLAND & MOBILE-TENSAW DELTA	1,292	31	41.7	2.4%
WOLF CREEK	849	63	13.5	7.4%
TOTALS	60,200	3,412	17.6	5.7%

<sup>\*</sup>Includes Youth, Stalk, Primitive Weapons, and Dog Deer Hunts

# NOTE: THIS IS PROPOSED RULE FOR 2008-2009. NOT FINALIZED AT PUBLICATION. CHECK WITH WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES FOR FINAL RULE. THERE ARE MANY SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT APPLY ONLY ON WMAS, YOU SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH ALL REGULATIONS BEFORE VISITING A WMA.

By authority vested in me as Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama as provided for by the Code of Alabama 1975, §§ 9-11-301, and 9-11-305, I do hereby establish, proclaim and promulgate the following regulation which has the force and effect of law:

Section 1. Rule 220-2-55, entitled "Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, Public Hunting Areas, and Refuges of Alabama", is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### 220-2-.55 Wildlife Management Areas, Community Hunting Areas, Public Hunting Areas, and Refuges of Alabama

- (1) It shall be unlawful on ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, COMMUNITY HUNTING AREAS, PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS, AND REFUGE AREAS, all of which are established as "wildlife management areas" by Rule 220-2-22 and all of which are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to herein as "AREAS" or "AREA":
- (a) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges and except bow fishing equipment from March 1 —-August 31, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled AREA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.
- (b) To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting.
- (c) To use dogs for small game hunting where dogs are expressly prohibited.
- (d) To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from March 1 until the opening of the following fall gun season.
- (e) For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on any AREA unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
- (f) To have in possession any fully automatic rifle or any firearms, ammunition or bow and arrow except as described below:
- 1. DEER: Stalk Hunts Centerfire rifles that have been plugged or are otherwise incapable of holding more than 11 cartridges and using mushrooming and/or expanding type ammunition, shotguns using slugs or single round balls, muzzle loading firearms .40 caliber or larger, or centerfire handguns with a minimum 4 inch barrel length using mushrooming and/or expanding type ammunition. All applicable laws regarding possessing and carrying handguns must be followed.
- DEER: Stalk Hunting Primitive Weapons Hunt using only muzzle loading rifles, muzzle loading handguns, muzzle loading shotguns, or bow and arrow (including crossbow). Rifles and handguns to be .40 caliber or larger; shotguns to use single round balls only. Firearms must be incapable of holding more than one charge per barrel.
- 3. DEER: Dog Hunts Shotguns using buckshot only.
- FERAL SWINE SPECIAL SEASONS: the same provisions as set out in (1)(f) 1. and (1)(f) 2. above, except at Seven Mile Island where Primitive Weapons Stalk Deer Hunt provisions only apply, as set out in (1)(f) 2. above.
- 5. TURKEY: Shotguns using No. 2 shot or smaller and bow and arrow (no crossbows).
- 6. DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE AND RAIL: Shotguns using No. 2 shot or smaller.
- WATERFOWL: Shotguns using steel shot, T size or smaller. Waterfowl may also be hunted with other U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved shot and sizes.
- 8. QUAIL: Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller.
- SQUIRREL, CROW AND RABBIT: Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller, rimfire firearms, muzzle loading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, or rifles operated by air.
- RACCOON AND OPOSSUM Daylight hours: shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller or rimfire firearms only. Nighttime hours: shotguns using No. 6 shot or smaller; or .22 caliber rimfire firearms.
- 11. BOBCAT AND FOX: May be killed during any scheduled AREA hunt within the time period of deer and turkey seasons in that county, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only. Only one (1) fox per day may be harvested.
- 12. BOW AND ARROW: (not including Crossbows) will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts. Crossbows will be legal during any open bow and arrow season dates for any species (except turkey). Broadhead points will be legal only during scheduled deer and turkey hunts. All archery equipment used during the bow fishing season of March 1 ¬- August 31 must conform to the provisions of Rule 220-2-.46, relating to bow fishing.
- 13. Falconry: will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers. Falconers may take migratory game birds (not more than 3 per day) and resident game birds and animals on dates those seasons are open on each AREA.
- TRAPPING: Standard .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms (no magnums) only, during daylight hours only - except where expressly forbidden.
- (g) For any person to hunt deer with gun without first presenting his required hunting licenses at the checking station except on Demopolis, Kinterbish, Riverton, St. Clair, W. L. Holland- and Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and Upper Delta AREAS.
- (h) For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms (including pistols) with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows.
- i) For hunters on dog deer hunts to leave stand assigned to them until instructed.

- (j) To camp on any AREA except in designated sites. Campers using generators must camp in site designated for generator use. On AREAS located on U. S. Forest Service lands, this camping restriction applies October 1 January 31, except on Choccolocco AREA, where the camping restriction shall also be in effect from October 1 through April 30 of each year. Individuals or groups may camp on AREAS for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area. All campers (portable shelters on wheels) must be removed from Barbour or Freedom Hills AREAS by sundown on the first Sunday following April 30th; otherwise, the camper may be towed from the AREA at the owner's expense; or, may be relocated to another portion of the AREA without AREA personnel being responsible for any damages and the owner assessed a \$10.00 per day storage fee without the State or AREA personnel responsible for any damage, loss, etc. No campers are permitted on Barbour or Freedom Hills AREAS, until September 1, unless approved by special PERMIT issued by the AREA biologist. All campers left unattended overnight must display the owner's contact information to include name, address, and phone numbers.
- (k) To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to coyote or feral swine, which may be killed during all scheduled AREA hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only (NO DOGS).
- (I) To discharge fireworks at any time.
- (m) To discharge firearms for target practice provided, however, that this regulation shall not apply to the designated target range on Barbour, Black Warrior, Cahaba River, Choccolocco, Coosa, Freedom Hills, Sam R. Murphy, James D. Martin – Skyline, Oakmulgee, Swan Creek and Upper Delta AREAS. All range users shall abide by the listed rules. Permits for the excepted uses will be issued by the AREA manager. The range may be closed as necessary by the AREA manager.
- 1. Range is open during daylight hours only (except by permit).
- 2. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
- Any legal firearm and ammunition (except armor¬-piercing or tracer by permit only) may be used on target range.
- Keep all firearms unloaded and muzzles pointed in a safe direction when not firing. Action on uncased guns shall be open when not on the firing line.
- All persons are to remain behind the shooter while firing is taking place. No firing shall be allowed while anyone is down range.
- 6. All firearms (except as noted below in #7.) shall only be fired from designated stations on the concrete shooting line into the embankment at stationary paper targets. Targets must not be placed higher than 5' above ground level at the base of the embankment. Only one person may shoot from each designated location at any given time.
- 7. Shotguns with No. 4 shot or smaller may be fired at moving clay targets.
- 8. All used targets and other trash shall be placed in a garbage can, or removed from the AREA.
- (n) To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway, or from within the right-of-way of any developed U.S. Forest Service road (paved or unpaved) which is open for vehicular traffic; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one/half mile of any church.
- (o) To use fire to smoke out game.
- (p) For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of either sex gun deer hunts.
- (q) To transport deer killed during gun hunts from any AREA before being checked at the designated checking stations for scientific data, except on Demopolis, Kinterbish, Riverton, St. Clair, W. L. Holland - and Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and Upper Delta AREAS.
- (r) For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.
  - For any unauthorized person to operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE (2, 3, 4 or 6 wheel) on Autauga, Black Warrior, Cahaba River, Coosa, Demopolis, Mulberry Fork, and Perdido River AREAS. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate a motor scooter, motorcycle, motorized trail blike, or any motor driven vehicle on any AREA except on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic and except on U.S. Forest Service land in an AREA where "all terrain" vehicles (ATV's) must be used on open designated ATV trails only; or for any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses on any AREA except: (1) on roads open to four-wheel motorized vehicles, except Autauga; and (2) in areas, roads, and trails, designated as open to horses, except Autauga. Riding or possession of horses is prohibited on any AREA on days of scheduled gun deer hunts, except those portions of AREAS kept open to such activity by the U. S. Forest Service. Riding or possession of horses on St. Clair and Perdido River AREAS shall be restricted to holders of a current valid Wildlife Management Area license.
  - For any person to hunt deer <u>or feral swine</u> on days of scheduled gun or primitive weapons hunts without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle. All persons hunting any wildlife species (except turkey and migratory birds and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) on the W.L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta AREAS during dates and in areas open by regulation to feral swine season are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap.
- (u) For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
- (v) For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any AREA maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.
- (w) To hunt small game during gun deer hunts and primitive weapons hunts except on the W. L. Holland and Mobile-Tensaw Delta <u>AREAS</u>, and except waterfowl in the Daub's Swamp, Spidle Lake, and Dead Lake units of the Demopolis AREA and in the Upper Delta AREA.
- (x) To damage or remove any <u>artifacts</u>, trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.
- (y) To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold without written permission from the landowners. No portable stands may be used within 50 yards of the boundary line on Barbour and <u>Geneva State</u>

- Forest AREAS.
- (z) To cast a light of any kind, either hand held, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise, between the hours of sunset and sunrise except in areas where the state law is more restrictive. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.
- (aa) To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a safety harness, rope, or strap capable of supporting their weight.
- (bb) To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
- (cc) To release any animal, bird, fish, or other wildlife without first obtaining written permission from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
- (dd) To possess or use alcoholic beverages on the Coosa AREA.
- (ee) The provisions of Rule 220-2-.109 entitled "Physically Disabled Hunting Areas", shall apply to that area entitled "Shiloh Hill Physically Disabled Hunting Area" located within Blue Spring Wildlife Management Area; provided further, that as to said physically disabled hunting area, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of Rule 220-2-.109 and this rule, Rule 220-2-.109 shall control.
- (2) Individuals must follow the listed rules to participate in the scheduled youth deer or turkey hunts on any AREA.
- (a) Each youth participant must be accompanied by an adult supervisor. The adult supervisor is to remain within arms length of the youth at all times.
- (b) Youth is defined as those individuals who have not reached their sixteenth birthday.
- (c) Adult is defined as those individuals twenty¬-five years old or older or the parent of the youth who are in possession of all state hunting licenses required to hunt deer or turkey on any AREA. Proof of possession of the required hunting licenses will be required on the scheduled date.
- (d) Only one firearm will be allowed per youth. Only the youth hunter will be permitted to utilize the firearm for hunting. The adult is to review with the youth the rules of firearm safety and to ensure they are followed.
- (e) The adult¬-youth pair is to check in and out at the AREA checking station as a single unit, except at W.L. Holland, Mobile-Tensaw Delta, and Upper Delta AREAS.
- (f) Both the adult and youth will be required to wear hunter orange while deer hunting, as required by state regulation.
- (g) All other rules and regulations to hunt on an AREA are in effect.
- (3) All deer harvested while hunting with a hunter's choice permit on a scheduled gun stalk deer hunt must be tagged with the issued permit immediately upon harvest (before field dressing or moving). The permit shall be affixed to an antler or a hole in the ear. The permit shall be appropriately punched as directed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
- (4) It shall be unlawful on COOSA AREA for any person to carry firearms in boats with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms except when hunting waterfowl from a stationary boat.
- (5) It shall be unlawful on COOSA AREA for any person to ride or possess horses except on roads designated for four wheel motorized vehicles. Horses are not permitted in the campgrounds from October 1 to April 30.
- (6) It shall be unlawful on BARBOUR (except on Youth Deer Hunt), FREEDOM HILLS (except on Youth Deer Hunt), GENEVA STATE FOREST, LAUDERDALE, LOWNDES (except on Youth Deer Hunt), and RIVERTON AREAS for any person, hunting by any method, to harvest, attempt to harvest, or possess any antlered buck with less than 3 points, 1 inch or greater, on at least one antler; and it shall be unlawful on BLACK WARRIOR ZONE B AREA for any person, hunting by any method, to harvest, attempt to harvest, or possess any antlered buck with less than 4 points, 1 inch or greater, on at least one antler. It shall also be unlawful for anyone to destroy or attempt to destroy the antlers of any deer so as to make the determination of the legal status of the deer uncertain.
- (7) It shall be unlawful on SWAN CREEK, CROW CREEK, MUD CREEK AND RACCOON CREEK AREAS:
- (a) For any vehicle not authorized by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or TVA to be driven beyond and/or between the dike gates.
- (b) For any person to leave his vehicle parked at the approved launching sites. Hunters must use the designated parking areas. However, handicapped persons with approved handicapped vehicles may be parked at the designated handicap parking location at the main launch only.
- (c) For any person to take, catch, kill, or attempt to take, catch, or kill mussels during the prescribed waterfowl hunting season.
- (d) For any person to excavate, to hunt or attempt to hunt from any dug¬-out or excavated area.
- (8) The following shall apply to the dewatering sloughs on Swan Creek, Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek AREAS:
- (a) All boats and/or boat blinds used in the harvest of waterfowl on said dewatering sloughs shall be launched and removed daily or shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring. [For the Swan Creek AREA, see (9)(i).
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to take fish for commercial purposes and/or to use commercial fishing gear within said dewatering units from November 1 through January 31 of each fiscal year.
- (c) Temporary blinds may be used for one day only. All such blinds, except boat blinds, left in said areas for more than one day shall be disposed of as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (d) The construction or use of permanent blinds requiring building material, flooring and/or flotation materials shall not be permitted in, or within 150 yards of, the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units.
- (e) It shall be unlawful for any person using duck and/or goose decoys in the Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek dewatering units to leave said decoys overnight. In addition, all unauthorized activity is prohibited from the herein mentioned dewatering units; from 7:00 p.m. to 12 midnight each day during Nov. 1 – Feb. 15; and, 48 hours prior to waterfowl season openings.
- (f) It shall be unlawful to use airboats.

(9) It shall be unlawful to install permanent waterfowl hunting blinds (those using building materials and/or remaining in position overnight) anywhere on the Swan Creek or Mallard-Fox Creek Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) except on the Swan Creek WMA dewatering unit where specified. All such blinds to be placed in the dewatering area must be registered with Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division officials in accordance with the following conditions:

- The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division's Blind Governing Committee shall be the final authority in resolving any dispute concerning permanent waterfowl blinds. The Blind Governing Committee shall be made up of the following people: District I Conservation Enforcement Supervisor; two Conservation Enforcement Officers; District I Supervising Wildlife Biologist, and the Area Biologist for Swan Creek AREA. See also subsection (k) concerning the authority of the Blind Governing Committee.
- (b) Blinds must meet "Qualifications and Registration Procedures" established by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and deemed acceptable by an inspecting official in order to be registered. For information or a copy of the procedures, call (256) 353-2634.
- (c) All blinds passing inspection will be tagged by the inspecting official. The tag must remain attached to the blind for the duration of the blind's stay on the Area. Tags shall not be moved to a different blind. It is the hunter's responsibility to make sure the blind they hunt from is properly tagged. No person may hunt from an untagged blind. See also subsection (k).
  - All permanent waterfowl hunting blinds will be inspected and registered between the hours of 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. on Saturday October 25, 2008. Only one blind may be registered per individual. In addition, that person, if required to have a hunting license or Federal waterfowl stamp to hunt waterfowl, must present a valid hunting license, a WMA license, a state waterfowl stamp and/or a federal waterfowl stamp along with their blind certification receipt at the registration table in order to complete their registration. Only fifty (50) permanent blinds will be installed at preselected sites in the dewatering area. All registered blinds drawing one of the 50 preselected sites must be installed as near as possible to the preselected site prior to gate closing on November 3, 2008. See also subsection (k).
- (e) Each selected blind must be completely camouflaged with natural material (cane, oak limbs, Fast Grass®, or other similar materials) except for the boat entrance and the shooting holes before being placed in the dewatering unit. Camouflaged netting, burlap or other similar materials will not be accepted as camouflage, except when used to cover the boat entrance and/or shooting holes. See also subsection (k).
- (f) In order for a blind to be eligible to be hunted from it must be anchored within 10 feet of the appropriate blind location marker. Blinds must remain within 10 feet of the blind location marker during the entire waterfowl season. This is not intended to prevent a blind owner from removing his blind from the WMA. Blind markers shall not be moved or otherwise altered or tampered with. If it is determined by the blind governing committee that a blind marker has been moved or otherwise altered or tampered with, that blind shall be subject to disqualification from hunting by the Blind Governing Committee. See also subsection (k).
- (g) No blind may be attached to the location marker in any way. If a blind is found to be attached to a marker, all hunters in the blind will be deemed to be in violation of this regulation. See also subsection (k).
- (h) Blinds that are drawn and installed in the dewatering unit must be completely removed from the WMA no later than February 15, 2009. Any blind not drawn and installed on one of the 50 sites must be removed from the WMA by sunset of the day following the opening day of waterfowl season. (This includes all blinds within the boundaries of the Swan Creek WMA.) Any such blinds, trailers, or parts thereof remaining on the WMA after the above dates shall be deemed to be the property of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be utilized or destroyed as deemed advisable by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.
- (i) Anyone launching a boat, preparing to hunt waterfowl within the dewatering unit may not depart any launch site before 4:00 AM daily. With the exception above, all other hunters preparing to hunt waterfowl within the dewatering unit shall not be allowed in the water before 4:00 AM daily. All boats and boat blinds used in the harvest of waterfowl within the dewatering area shall be floated to an approved launching site for overnight mooring or removed from the dewatering unit no later than 7:00 PM daily.
- (j) Dewatering area access gates will be closed on <u>November 3, 2008</u> and will be opened by 10:00 AM of the day before the opening day of waterfowl season. No boats with motors are allowed in the dewatering unit during the period gates are closed except as specified on decoy days.
- (k) The committee shall have the authority to disqualify any blind if a dispute occurs and it can not be resolved; or for any violation involving Blind Regulations or Permanent Blind Qualifications and Registration Procedures; or for any violation of any portion of this section of the regulation pertaining to the Swan Creek Dewatering Area. Any blind that is disqualified by the committee shall be deemed immediately ineligible to be hunted from and shall be removed from the dewatering unit for the remainder of the waterfowl season following notification of the blind owner. The blind owner will have 48 hours in which to move the blind to an approved launch site for mooring and no more than seven-days following notification of disqualification, for its complete removal from the WMA. Should the blind owner of a disqualified blind fail to move the blind to an approved launch for mooring and/ or to completely remove any such blinds, trailers, or parts thereof from the Area within the specified times listed above, the blind shall be deemed to be the property of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be utilized or destroyed as deemed advisable by the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division.
- (10) It shall be unlawful on the St. Clair Community Hunting AREA:
- (a) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps, archery equipment or utilize the area for any other recreational purposes without a valid permit in possession.
- (b) To hunt or perform any other recreational activities other than during daylight hours, except raccoon, opossum, and fox hunting, which may be hunted at night during the AREA seasons for those mentioned species. All other recreational activities are prohibited after 7:00 p.m. each day until daylight hours the following day.
- (c) To possess alcoholic beverages while on the AREA at any time.
- (d) To operate any motorized vehicle on the AREA except on roads designated on the current year's permit for motorized vehicular usage.
- (e) To camp overnight or have warming fires on the AREA.
- (11) A \$15.00 Management Area License in addition to a regular hunting license and a management area permit are required for hunting on AREAS; provided however, that properly licensed persons under the "Wildlife Heritage License" may hunt legal small game except waterfowl on AREAS without the other licenses described herein."
- Section 2. The penalty for violating any provision of this regulation shall be as provided by law.
- Section 3. This regulation shall become effective on the 36th day after filing with the Legislative Reference Service.

# **Alabama's National Archery in the Schools Program**

Alabama was the second of 49 states to implement the highly successful National Archery in the Schools Program. This partnership between the State Department of Education and the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries has grown to include approximately 120 schools located from Huntsville to Mobile. This program is not the archery class of old, but a new, exciting hands-on program that has been enthusiastically received by students, teachers, and parents. Archery is a life skill and a healthy recreational activity to be enjoyed for years to come.

The two-week physical education curriculum is best suited for 5th to 8th grade students but is not limited by age, gender, or physical disabilities. Please visit the following website to obtain information on developing an archery program within your local school system:

www.outdooralabama.com/education/archery.









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**Permits, Stamps, and License Fees** 

# **Resident Annual**

State \$24.00 Wildlife Heritage License\* \$10.00

# **Wildlife Management Area**

(WMA) License: \$16.00

# **Duck Stamp**

State: \$ 6.00 Federal: \$15.00

### **Nonresident**

Annual All Game: \$275.00
Annual Small Game: \$90.00
10 Days (240 Hours) Trip All Game: \$170.00
10 Days (240 Hours) Trip Small Game: \$55.00
3 Days (72 Hours) Trip All Game: \$120.00
3 Days (72 Hours) Trip Small Game: \$40.00

\* Allows residents to fish freshwater statewide with hook and line from the bank, fish in WFF operated Public Fishing Lakes (daily lake permit required), hunt small game, except waterfowl, on WFF WMAs (WMA permit required), shoot on Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries managed shooting ranges, and support wildlife. These privileges are also included in all resident hunting and freshwater fishing licenses, including lifetime licenses.